

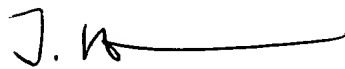
REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 5/16/00 (Paper no. 5). Claims 13-20 have been deleted above without prejudice. Claims 1-12 remain pending in this application.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner made a Restriction requirement between Claims 1-12 (Specie I), Claim 13 (Specie II), and Claims 14-20 (Specie III). Accordingly, the Applicant elects to continue prosecution of Claims 1-12 in the instant application. Claims 13-20 have been deleted above without prejudice, and the Applicant reserves the right to refile the deleted claims in a continuing application which claims priority from the instant application.

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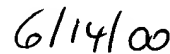
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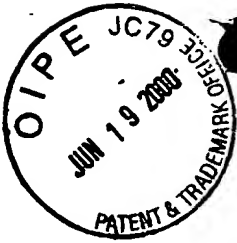
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